

**To:** Jesse Paul[jpaul@denverpost.com]  
**From:** StClair, Christie  
**Sent:** Sat 8/15/2015 3:17:35 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine tour

Jesse,

I hope this helps a bit. If you need more, please let me know.

You can attribute to US EPA:

As water exits the mine, pH adjusted, the water flows into a treatment pond system. The treatment ponds provide retention time to allow the pH adjustment to happen. Flocculation compounds are added during the process to settle the metals to the bottom of the retention ponds.

One additional retention pond is being added to the treatment system to allow crews to manage the sludges that have settled out to date. This additional pond will allow the treatment system to maintain efficiency as the crews are managing the existing ponds. A commercial water treatment system will be implemented on site as part of short-term actions for water treatment.

Planning is in place for a treatment solution that includes piping discharge to a lower mine site with a better location for water treatment to continue into the fall. Longer-term treatment needs and options are being evaluated.

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**From:** Jesse Paul [mailto:jpaul@denverpost.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 9:01 AM

**To:** StClair, Christie

**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine tour

One thing we are really aching to find out that hasn't been explained in too much detail is what exactly has been done at the Gold King in the last week to help remediate the problem? We've seen the ponds, but is there anything else going on up there?

My editors are aching for an answer as soon as possible. Is there anyway you can help me out this AM?

Please?!

Thanks,

On Wed, Aug 12, 2015 at 9:20 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jesse. Good meeting you today, and thanks again for saving my seat. We're unsure whether conditions are safe enough to do tours, unfortunately, but I'll keep you posted.

Christie

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From: Jesse Paul [jpaul@denverpost.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:43 PM

To: Press

Subject: Gold King Mine tour

Good evening.

We would like to be a part of the Gold King Mine media tour.

Thanks,

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